

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF YORK  
YORKTOWN, VIRGINIA

Resolution

At a regular meeting of the York County Board of Supervisors held in the Board Room, York Hall, Yorktown, Virginia, on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_, 2002:

Present

Vote

Donald E. Wiggins, Chairman  
Walter C. Zaremba, Vice Chairman  
Sheila S. Noll  
James S. Burgett  
Thomas G. Shepperd, Jr.

On motion of \_\_\_\_\_, which carried \_\_\_\_, the following resolution was adopted:

A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH THE COLONIAL AREA FAMILY AND  
INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE FATALITY REVIEW TEAM

WHEREAS, the establishment of the Colonial Area Family and Intimate Partner Violence Fatality Review Team would serve the following purposes:

- ? identifying and describing trends and patterns of domestic violence related deaths in the cities of Williamsburg and Poquoson, as well as, the counties of York and James City;
- ? increasing coordination and communication between agencies providing services to families experiencing domestic violence;
- ? and identifying interventions aimed at system improvements.

WHEREAS, family and intimate partner violence has destructive consequences upon individuals and families within this region; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly enacted Section 32.1-283.3 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, to permit locales to establish a family violence fatality review team to examine fatal family violence incidents and to create a body of information to help prevent future family violence fatalities; and

WHEREAS, careful examination of family and intimate partner violence fatalities will yield results to help prevent similar tragedies from recurring; and

WHEREAS, a thoughtful and nonjudgmental method of evaluating the events that lead to family and intimate partner violence fatalities will create a safer community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the York County Board of Supervisors this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2002, that the County Administrator be, and he is hereby, directed to take the steps necessary to establish The Colonial Area Family and Intimate Partner Violence Fatality Review Team.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Colonial Area Family and Intimate Partner Violence Fatality Review Team shall have the authority to review the facts and circumstances of all the family and intimate partner violence incidents that occur within the County of York and all information and records obtained or created regarding the review of a fatality shall be considered confidential and shall be excluded from the Virginia Freedom of Information Act.

BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Colonial Area Family and Intimate Partner Violence Fatality Review Team will identify gaps in system responses and work to provide increased communication and collaboration amongst the agencies involved.

BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Colonial Area Family and Intimate Partner Violence Fatality Review Team will operate under the assumption that all persons and agencies involved care deeply about preventing violence within the family and operate in good faith, using the best judgment and information available at the time.

BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following individuals, or their designee, may serve on the Team pursuant to Section 32.1-283.3 (D) of the Code of Virginia:

Commonwealth's Attorney Office	Williamsburg/James City County Commonwealth's Attorney Mike McGinty York County & Poquoson Commonwealth's Attorney Eileen Addison
Domestic Violence Program Professional	Avalon: A Center for Women and Children Executive Director Barbara Seibert
Mental Health Professionals	Colonial Mental Health Outpatient Counseling Director Randy Walton, Ph.D.
Health Care Community	Williamsburg Community Hospital Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners Program Administrator, Jamie Sanderson

Law Enforcement Officials	James City County Police Chief Daigneault Poquoson Police Department Chief White Williamsburg Police Chief Yost York County Sheriff's Office Sheriff Diggs
Medical Examiner	Dr. Provenzano
Probation Professionals	Colonial Community Corrections Director Katie Green
Department of Social Services	James City County DSS Director Diana Hutchens York County/Poquoson DSS Director Earl Blythe Williamsburg DSS Director Peter Walentisch

Other disciplines/members may participate at the discretion of the team.

BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Colonial Area Fatality Review Team will offer recommendations to area service providers which benefit our communities and improve our public safety.

BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED, that the York County Board of Supervisors, as well as, the local governing boards of the cities of Williamsburg and Poquoson and the County of James City, will establish the Colonial Area Family and Intimate Partner Violence Fatality Review Team, and the Team shall establish local rules and procedures to govern the review process.

BE IT STILL FURTHER RESOLVED, that the members of the Fatality Review Team shall elect a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson and that these positions will rotate among the members.